



**MINUTES
PARK BOARD MEETING
May 24, 2021**

Meeting Location

Nelson Lakeside Park

Present: Members: Donny Chillstrom (Chair), Alicia Larson, Suzanne Caswell, Tony David and Thomas Joyce

Others Present: Public Works Director: Sean Diercks; City Administrator Jeannette Moeller, and City Council Liaison: Gina Joyce

Administering of Oath for Park Board Member Position

City Administrator Jeannette Moeller administered the Oath for Park Board to newly joining member Tony David.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chillstrom at 5:32 pm.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by S. Caswell, seconded by A. Larson, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by T. Joyce, seconded by S. Caswell, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

Special Event Permits Update

City Administrator Jeannette Moeller advised the Park Board that Wai Nani Surf and Paddle were provided a special event permit to trailer out of Nelson Lakeside part from Wed-Fri, 3-6PM. This permit was provided sign-off from City Council and Staff. Seeing this season as a "test run" through Labor Day. If it is successful, the City may consider a renewal next year. Their rental inventory will include four paddleboards and two kayaks. City Hall fields constant requests regarding access to paddleboards; the hope is that this program will help fill a need for those folks. Councilwoman Joyce asked Where Wai Nani would set up. Public Works Director Diercks commented that it would be between the Boat Ramp and the beach.

Board Member Larson also asked for an update on the Event Stage proposed for Nelson Lakeside Park. City Administrator Moeller mentioned that the event stage was on pause for now until City Council decides to push forward on it; it doesn't seem to be a very high priority item. Building materials are expensive, and fewer larger-scale events will be occurring this year; Buckhorn Days isn't happening this year, Corn Days may be a modified event, the Parade is up in the air because no-one is there to organize it.

The holiday market event was brought up again; it could be possible to accomplish through an event organizer... the key part for success is to partner with a non-profit to get it booked.

Three Rivers Park District Diamond Lake Regional Trail – Discussion

Public Works Director Diercks mentioned that the Three Rivers Park District DLRT folks had a discussion with City Council and that they are in the process of trying to figure out what we're wanting to do. Options include selling/renting trail to TRPD, reverting route, modifying route, etc. In the event that Three Rivers took over the

currently constructed trail in Long Lake, Three Rivers would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the trail, which a few Board members found advantageous given the alleviated financial overhead/burden, whereas some Board members saw risk in handing over the responsibility of City trails to a third-party for the continual upkeep of the City's key pedestrian areas. Discussions also ensued regarding a perceived increase in bike traffic, which could theoretically create a hazardous thoroughfare for pedestrians in Long Lake. Alternate trails were discussed but no consensus in outcome was determined.

The Park Board wrapped up the conversation without citing a specific recommendation for City Council, but acknowledged that it was an ongoing discussion for the Park Board to periodically re-group on.

Scheduling Next Meeting

- The Park Board set their next meeting date for Monday, June 21, 2021 at 5:30 pm to be held at Holbrook Park.

Adjourn:

Hearing no objection, Chair Chillstrom adjourned the meeting by general consent at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Joyce, Park Board Secretary Officer